

APPLY TODAY!

Application materials are available online.

Please visit www.bellevuewa.gov/environmental-volunteering.htm to download all necessary forms.

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**Applications are due
Friday, January 6, 2012**



Bellevue Parks & Community Services

Resource Management & Natural Resource Division Mission Statement

To provide stewardship of environmentally sensitive areas, open spaces, developed park lands, all park buildings, structures and amenities; to protect, preserve and enhance them for future generations; and to accommodate a variety of recreational opportunities for all city residents.

Key Components

- 2,500+ acres of parks and open spaces
 - 85 miles of trails
- 59 acres of waterway and shorelines
 - 7 beach parks

Environmental Education Centers

- Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center
- Lewis Creek Visitor Center
- Lake Hill Greenbelt Ranger Station

Recent Awards

- 20 consecutive year recipient of the National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA Award
- Recipient of the Tree City USA Growth Award every year since 1993

*Bellevue
Master
Naturalist*



Master Naturalist Training Program

Become a Master Naturalist



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Natural Resource Division
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To foster, support and facilitate community involvement in the stewardship of nature, human and cultural resources within our community.



Master Naturalist Training Program

Become a Master Naturalist



- Who:** City of Bellevue residents that have a passion for environmental stewardship and conservation.
- What:** An 11-week training program on wildlife ecology, wetland management, forest restoration, cultural history, plant identification, environmental interpretation, and much more!
- Where:** Lewis Creek Visitor Center
5808 Lakemont Blvd.
Bellevue, WA 98006
- When:** Fridays, beginning in February 2012.
- Why:** To foster environmental awareness and a passion for stewardship within the City of Bellevue, and to provide the skills necessary to teach others the fundamentals of responsible planning and management of our natural resources.
- Apply:** Please see back page or call 425-452-4195 for more information.
- Cost:** FREE (with a 100 hour volunteer commitment).

Volunteer Commitment

In exchange for this free environmental training, Naturalists are expected to reciprocate at least 5 volunteer hours per month up to 100 hours of service in the care of Bellevue's natural resources. The 100 hours are not to be extended beyond a 2-year period.

2012 Master Naturalist Training Schedule — Fridays, 9 am-3 pm • February 3–April 13

Lewis Creek Visitor Center — 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006

First Class — **Introduction to the Master Naturalist Training Program**

Second Class — **Geology, Hydrology and Soils**

Third Class — **Ecological Concepts and Restoration Ecology**

Fourth Class — **Landscape Ecology and Management/Land Use**

Fifth Class — **Conservation/Sustainability and Volunteer Management**

Sixth Class — **Birds/Mammals and Fish/Stream Ecology**

Seventh Class — **Interpretation, Ethnobotany and Cultural History**

Eighth Class — **Upland Forest Ecology and Native Plant ID Field Trip**

Ninth Class — **Wetland Ecology and Wetland Plant ID Field Trip**

Tenth Class — **Invasive Plants and Invasive Plant ID Field Trip**

Final Class — **Restoration Project Monitoring and Maintenance**

Volunteers who complete the Master Naturalist Training Program will assist Park Rangers with Stewardship Saturdays, Natural Resource Week, Adult and Family Environmental Education Programs, Nature Hikes, Canoe Tours, Wetland Monitoring, Arbor Day/Earth Day, Special Events and more!